

# Behavioral Health Advisory Council Minutes (Draft)

MEETING DETAILS	
<b>Date and time:</b>	August 16, 2019 from 10am to 2pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Conference Room @ VACSB Offices in Richmond, Virginia (10128 West Broad Street, Suite B, Glen Allen, VA 23060)
COUNCIL DEMOGRAPHICS	
<i>Hayden Myer (Mental Health America of Virginia (MHAV): Administrative Agent for Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC) of Virginia</i>	
<b>Present</b>	Katherine Hunter (DBHDS); Tara Belfast-Hurd (DBHDS); Livia Jansen (DJJ); Patricia Parham (DOC); Nathanael Rudney (DBHDS); Michael Gregory (DOE); Ron Pritchard (VSIAS/VAAP); Karlyn Clevert-Smith (Private Provider); Bruce Cruser (MHAV); Hilary Piland (VACSB); Malaina Poore (VOCAL); Karen Kallay (Peer); Robin Hairfield (Peer); Betsy Lalla (Peer)
<b>Guest(s)</b>	Jenn Paul (UMFS); Cristy Corbin (Peer); Patrice Beard (Parent Support)
<b>Unexcused Absences</b>	Catharine Harrison (DARS); Jean Hoyt (DOH); Gail Taylor (DBHDS); Sandra O'Dell (SA Services); Kathleen Levenston (Private Provider); Caitlin Reynolds (NAMI VA); Ashley Everette (Voices for VA's Children); Calendria Jones (Peer); Marjorie Yates (SAARA)
<b>Excused Absences</b>	Oketa Winn (DMAS); Shatada Floyd-White (Private Provider); William Hart (Peer)
<b>Minutes Taken By</b>	Hayden Myer & Hilary Piland (VACSB; Secretary)
<b>Presiding Officer</b>	Betsy Lalla (Vice President)
<b>Order Called</b>	Council convened at 10 AM

Quorum **was not** present in today's meeting (requires 13 members, a majority [7 out 13] of these members need be consumers/peers, advocates, and family members)

No.	Item	Discussion/Action	Responsibility/Follow-Up (if applicable)
<b>Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment)</b>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nathanael noted that committee members should make public comments to the block grant using the link here. That way their comments can be documented and responded to in an official manner. Individuals interested in making comments on the DRAFT FY 2020-21 Combined Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grant Application prior to submission may do so on the Town Hall website through 12 p.m. on Monday, September 2, 2019. You must first be registered as a public user to make comments on Town Hall. Comments may also be made by email <a href="mailto:nathanael.rudney@dbhds.virginia.gov">nathanael.rudney@dbhds.virginia.gov</a>, fax 804-786-9248, TDD 804-371-8977, or hard copy mail (Attn: Nathanael Rudney, Office of Adult Community Behavioral Health Services, DBHDS, Post Office Box 1797, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1797.) The public comment window will remain open for 60 days, including after submission of the plan to SAMHSA. All comments must be received by 12 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2019.</li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Comments may also be made by email</b> <b><a href="mailto:nathanael.rudney@dbhds.virginia.gov">nathanael.rudney@dbhds.virginia.gov</a>, fax 804-786-9248, TDD 804-371-8977, or hard copy mail (Attn: Nathanael Rudney, Office of Adult Community Behavioral Health Services, DBHDS, Post Office Box 1797, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1797.) The public comment window will</b></li> </ul>

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<b>Review of Karen's Letter Reviewed and Discussed by the Council</b>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section III, B. – Council discussed this being redundant and possible different wording               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council discussed how state institutions are funded versus community-based programming</li> <li>The Council discussed whether or not to vote on changes (since a quorum is present) or to send this to the Executive Committee</li> <li>The Council agreed that we should express gratitude and appreciation of the their support</li> </ul> </li> <li>Section III, C. – page numbers referenced are hard to find in the Block Grant (regarding primary prevention); Block Grant is designed for treatment services, especially for people who do not have insurance; however, there is also a prevention set-aside in the Block Grant; possible rewording or clarification</li> <li>Section III, D. – "...related concerns and plans are noted below", but there is nothing "below"; replace that sentence or take it out all together               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"The Council noted the encouragement that Block Grant Behavioral health and substance abuse functions be address by a single entity" – this was discussed to change the wording of "...by a single a single entity" to "a substance abuse committee" because the current wording is confusing</li> <li>Council discussed that "Behavioral Health" encompasses mental health and substance abuse services</li> <li>Council agrees that there should be a Committee for a Substance Abuse Committee due to a concern that the Council has not had the time or resources to review the block grant or substance use disorder (SUD)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Changes to be made to the letter as noted in minutes.</b></li> </ul>
<b>BREAK FOR LUNCH</b>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Membership Application Form Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Betsy Lalla shard the revised membership form. It was revised a while ago, so this is the second time she is sharing it with the group for comments.</li> <li>A space for the member's preferred name was added. There was a question of the purpose of the "group the member identifies with" section. DBHDS representatives told the committee that SAMSHA asked for this break out to show the composition of the membership. There are requirements that a certain number of council</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discussed changes to be made to Membership Application Form</b></li> </ul>

		<p>members represent each category.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussed added changes on the Membership Application Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clarification for people who are working as Peer Recovery Specialists and/or other categories as to how a person should identify</li> <li>▪ Discussed having primary and secondary membership categories to pick from</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Take off second “If you are a state employee, with which agency”</li> <li>○ Change “Mental Health Professional” to “Service Provider”</li> <li>○ Council membership is comprised of certain categories based on the Block Grant Guidelines</li> <li>○ Cristy Corbin (Family Support Partner) and Patrice Beard (Parent Support Partner) asked about how many family members and parents are needed for the Council (5 or 6)</li> <li>○ Cristy Corbin will try to find more “parents” to potentially join this council.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Betsy Lalla’s name to be added to previous minutes</li> <li>○ Ron moved to accept the minutes as amended, Nathanael seconded; unanimous support to accept the minutes as amended</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>CONTINUE WITH DISCUSSION OF LETTER</b>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recommendation of Additions to letter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ III. B. “The Council endorses the emphasis greater utilization of peer services workforce in delivery of mental health and substance use disorder services”</li> <li>○ III. C. “The Council recommends that DBHDS advocates/promotes for increased Medicaid reimbursement rate (in Block Grant Application page 58, priority 2) sufficient to support the infrastructure to accommodate peer services.”</li> <li>○ <b>Section V. B.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nathanael suggested Executive Council should change the sentence “The Advisory Council has learned that...than continuation of status quo” by changing this section</li> <li>▪ It was discussed about the need for Block Grant funding criteria needs to be updated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The criteria is outdated and not based on need anymore; additional allocation of funding for peer services</li> <li>• The Council discussed if the Council should include that “From presentations with DBHDS Fiscal Department, the Council learned that the funding mechanism is significantly outdated.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Remove the word “However” from the sentence that starts “However, DBHDS is currently...”</li> <li>▪ Nathanael’s supervisor (Margaret Steele) agrees with the part about a logic</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The council decided that the updated letter will go to Council President, William Hart for final review (he was not at this meeting). William will then send the letter to DBHDS to be submitted with the block grant.</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>

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<b>Agency Updates</b>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>There was no time for agency updates; Council members were asked to send their agency updates to Hayden (<a href="mailto:hayden.myer@mhav.org">hayden.myer@mhav.org</a>) for him to send out with the minutes</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AGENCY UPDATES TO BE SENT TO HAYDEN</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>December Meeting Discussion</b>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council would need to change the December meeting because the December 11th meeting date because VACSB Conference Room is not available; it is available on December 4th. The Council has agreed to change the date to December 4th</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DECEMBER MEETING IS CHANGED TO DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> INSTEAD OF DECEMBER 11TH</b></li> </ul>

		Notes taken by Myer and Piland
	<b>Meeting was adjourned at: 2:06PM</b>	

**Next Meeting:** DECEMBER 4TH

**Location of meetings:**

Conference Room @ VACSB Offices in Richmond, Virginia (10128 West Broad Street, Suite B, Glen Allen, VA 23060)

**MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON \_\_\_\_\_**